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## TRANSITIONS

Thank you to our retiring Board members, **Diane Stromme Mast** (Past Chair), **Scott Rutledge** and **Laurel Englehart**. Their dedication and service to The Counseling Center and support of our mission is greatly appreciated.

**Dave McKean**, VP/Chief Financial Officer, recently announced his departure from The Counseling Center. Dave came to the Center eleven years ago during a time of many federal, state and local fiscal changes. His skillful financial leadership helped the Center to weather the turbulent economic times of recent years and to position us to meet future challenges. We thank Dave for all of his hard work and expertise and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Welcome to new employees **Debbie Rohr**, LSW, Adult CPST Social Worker serving Wayne County and **Judy Winegar**, Family Support Aide serving Holmes County.

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## FOCUS ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

At a recent Counseling Center Board meeting, a question was raised concerning other ways The Counseling Center can serve the community. Subsequently, a need was identified for more information to help serve families of individuals with autism. As a result, Center staff helped lead a recent community forum about Autism Spectrum Disorders that was attended by over 60 people. **Jim Foley**, Director of Community Education and Prevention and **Lisa Haberbusch**, Outpatient Therapist spoke on a panel with other clinicians and service providers. A similar program is planned in Holmes County this fall.

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## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Counseling Center's Employment Program has been working with the *Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University Supportive Employment Coordinating Center of Excellence* to assure our program continues to maintain high fidelity for this evidence-based practice. The major tenants of the Center's Supported Employment Program include the following:

- ◆ zero exclusion criteria
  - ◆ individual preferences are important
  - ◆ treatment is integrated with employment
  - ◆ rapid job search
  - ◆ competitive employment is the goal
  - ◆ follow-along supports are continuous
  - ◆ personalized benefits planning
  - ◆ systematic job development
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